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SENATE BILL 156

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE; ADDING THE CHARTER SCHOOL
STUDENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAM UNIT INTO THE PROGRAM COST
CALCULATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 22-8-18 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1974,
Chapter 8, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-8-18. PROGRAM COST CALCULATION--LOCAL
RESPONSIBILITY.--

A. The total program units for the purpose of
computing the program cost shall be calculated by multiplying
the sum of the program units itemized as Paragraphs (1) through
(5) in this subsection by the instructional staff training and
experience index and adding the program units itemized as
Paragraphs (6) through [~~(10)~~] (11) in this subsection. The

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1 itemized program units are as follows:

- 2 (1) early childhood education;
- 3 (2) basic education;
- 4 (3) special education, adjusted by subtracting
5 the units derived from membership in class D special education
6 programs in private, nonsectarian, nonprofit training centers;
- 7 (4) bilingual multicultural education;
- 8 (5) fine arts education;
- 9 (6) size adjustment;
- 10 (7) at-risk program;
- 11 (8) enrollment growth or new district
12 adjustment;
- 13 (9) special education units derived from
14 membership in class D special education programs in private,
15 nonsectarian, nonprofit training centers; [~~and~~]
- 16 (10) national board for professional teaching
17 standards certification; and
- 18 (11) charter school student activities.

19 B. The total program cost calculated as prescribed
20 in Subsection A of this section includes the cost of early
21 childhood, special, bilingual multicultural, fine arts and
22 vocational education and other remedial or enrichment programs.
23 It is the responsibility of the local school board or governing
24 body of a charter school to determine its priorities in terms
25 of the needs of the community served by that board. Funds

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1 generated under the Public School Finance Act are discretionary
2 to local school boards and governing bodies of charter schools,
3 provided that the special program needs as enumerated in this
4 section are met."

5 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
6 provisions of this act is July 1, 2007.

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